Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Offutt Pump Station in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Papio Missouri River Natural Resources District located at 8901 S. 154th Street Omaha, NE, 68138. The funding would be used to collect local stormwater in an around Offutt Air Force Base and the City of Bellevue and pump it over the Missouri River Levees. When completed, this project will remove approximately 60 parcels from repetitive flooding including a large parcel of affordable housing that has been removed due to past flooding events. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is designed to remove excessive floodwater during times of high precipitation events from vital infrastructure, sensitive national security assets, and areas of affordable housing. Additionally, the project would help to protect federal investment in the \$180 million runway and over \$1 billion in recent and future investments in Offutt AFB to ensure its continued service to the First Congressional District of Nebraska and to our nation. Furthermore, this project would ensure vital transportation corridors near Offutt AFB and southern Bellevue remain open during flood events, including access to Bellevue's Public Works Building and related facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 205 of the 1948 Flood Control Act under the United States Army Corps of Engineers Continuing Authorities Program.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Flood Member of Congress